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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK
SUBJECT: FRONTLINE MEETING ON RHODESIA IN LAGOS

1. IN MEETING THIS MORNING WITH GARBA AND AMBASSADORS SANU AND AKADIRI, AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND I FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO NUDGE THE FMG AWAY FROM THE PROPOSED FRONTLINE MEETING IN LAGOS ON RHODESIA IN VIEW OF GARBA'S CLEAR CONVICTION THAT SECRETARY'S PRESENCE IN LAGOS PROVIDES IMPORTANT OCCASION FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. I EXPRESSED ONCE AGAIN OUR CONCERN ABOUT "SERIOUS" OR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE BRITISH.

2. GARBA SAID MOGWE WAS ARRIVING LAGOS TONIGHT. HE ASKED WHETHER I WOULD BE WILLING TO USE OUR FACILITIES TO OBTAIN LATEST READING FROM FRONTLINE CAPITALS REGARDING PLANS OF SALIM, MWALE, AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. I WILL BE SEEING GARBA AGAIN LATER THIS AFTERNOON WHEN THE CONTACT GROUP PRESENTS
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THE NAMIBIA PACKAGE TO OBASANJO. GARBA SAID HE HOPED HE AND I COULD DISCUSS THE RHODESIA MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF STATE AT THAT TIME. HE HOPED FURTHER THAT I MIGHT HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY THEN CONCERNING THE PLANS OF THE PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS IN THE LAGOS MEETING.

3. I HAVE TELEPHONED DON PETTERSON ALONG THE ABOVE LINES. HE

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SAID HE WOULD TRY TO CONTACT YOU BY TELEPHONE. IN THE EVENT HE DOES NOT GET THROUGH, THE FOLLOWING RECAPITULATION OF GARBA'S REQUESTED MESSAGE MAY BE USEFUL.

4. "THE FMG WISHES TO CONFIRM THE PLANS OF SALIM, MWALE, NKOMO AND MUGABE TO COME TO LAGOS DURING THE TIME PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS PARTY ARE HERE. A DISCUSSION OF RHODESIA WITH SECRETARY VANCE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 8:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING. CAN THESE FOUR INDIVIDUALS BE PRESENT FOR SUCH A DISCUSSION AT THAT TIME? IF MWALE AND/OR SALIM CAN COME, THE FMG WILL INVITE DAVID OWEN OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE. FMG CANNOT RPT NOT PROVIDE SPECIAL AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, TICKETS FOR PF LEADERS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE."
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